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ACIDIC EFFECTS ON MITHI RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether river Mithi in Mumbai has been declared acidic by the National Environment Research Institute (NERI) ;

(b) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to clean the river ;

(c) whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the Government of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details and the current status thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) As per the information made available by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute(NEERI), the Institute has not declared the Mithi River as acidic.

(b) The State Government of Maharashtra has constituted a Mithi River Development Authority under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Maharashtra.Tht Maharashtra Pollution Control Board(MPCB) has drawn an Action Plan for contro of pollution in the Mithi river basin.

(c)&(d) The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has conducted survey of industrial unit along Mithi river and necessary legal actions have been initiated against ths defaulting units.